



# Cargenbridge School Updates and information

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## WORKING TOGETHER LEARNING TOGETHER

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Mrs Watson says ..... I am sure you are all aware that the First Minister announced this week that the current lockdown will continue until the middle of February at the earliest with a review again on 2nd February. This obviously means that schools will remain closed for the majority of the pupils until then and remote learning will continue. The Childcare hub in the school will continue. Again this isn't ideal but if this is what is needed to ensure people are safe then we have to continue to follow advise. The staff are reporting that you are all doing a fantastic job supporting your children with their learning at home during these difficult times. Please remember only do what you can do within your personal circumstances. Remember everyone's health and wellbeing is the priority for all pupils, parents and staff during these difficult times. Use this time to do things together as a family, learning lots of new skills. Not sure how many banana loaves are being made this time around. Anything at all we can help you with then please get in touch. **This week's quote from Charlie Mackesy is "Asking for help isn't giving up" said the horse, "It's refusing to give up".**

**Keep going everyone you are doing an amazing job!!**

There are lots of resources out there to help parents at this time. Please find the link to some of these

<https://www.parentclub.scot/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

### Home Learning

Each week we review our online learning. We know it is really difficult for everyone and we hope we provide enough choice to ensure it meets your individual needs and context. We are sending you lots of information and this may be a little overwhelming for everyone. You do not need to print things off. We are emailing you as parents this information purely to keep you informed and to have a back up in case Teams goes down again as it did on the first day. Anyone needing any paper copies of things please contact your child's teacher and this can be arranged. If you have limited time to support your child with their learning then we advise that they focus on their literacy and numeracy tasks. The teachers may highlight particular pieces of work they would like to see your child definitely completing and this may be asked to be submitted to them. There are some types of learning such as Sumdog, Nessy, Newsround which we would expect your child to be doing each day, if possible.

This time around we have different options of ways to engage with your child and this week we have started to explore these ways with individual children and classes. Today we had a successful P6/7 class online chat on Teams followed by a short teaching session for those who wished to stay on. This went well so next week we will do this with P5/6 on Wed 27th Jan at 10am. Following this we will do the same with P3 and P4 together. An invite to these will be emailed to all these pupils in the classes. Using Teams for live meets is all new to us so we are starting small to build everyone's confidence and to ensure technology works for us all. We also have to follow our local authority guidance on this. We are also exploring ways that we can communicate with our P1 and P2 pupils as they are currently not on Teams. Staff may have already engaged in different ways with you through phone calls and videos. If you feel a live one to one session/small group live meet on teams would help your child with a particular need, task or concept then please contact your class teacher.

Any feedback on the learning we are giving the children would be greatly received. as we constantly review things each week. Thank you for all you are doing.

### Childcare Hubs

These will carry on for the whole time the school building is closed. If anyone has a change of circumstances you can still apply for a place through the council. Please contact the school. Again please only use this facility if all other options have been explored and it is absolutely necessary to ensure the numbers are at a minimum.

### Resources

We are aware during lockdown the last time we issued everyone with a jotter and some pencils etc. This time we were not able to do this. If anyone needs any jotters, paper or pencils etc please contact the school office and we can arrange for you to pick things up from the school.

### Special Achievements

Last week we started our Active Schools challenge. The staff have made a great start and managed over the week to do 111.5 miles. Well done. The benefits of walking and getting fresh air are so beneficial for everyone just now as we spend again more time on technology and inside. This lockdown is very different to the last time. Please share any special achievements or new skills learned with us.